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Suspected 'low intensity IED explosions' at popular eatery in tech corridor leave 10 injured

BLAST ROCKS TECH CORRIDOR

'Two blasts within a span of 10 seconds' at The Rameshwaram Cafe at Kundalahalli Gate near Whitefield

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The tech corridor of Bengaluru was shaken by a 'mysterious' blast at a popular eatery, which the police suspect to be a low intensity explosion triggered by an Improvised Explosive Device (IED).

The incident occurred at around 12.55 PM on Wednesday at The Rameshwaram Cafe at Kundalahalli Gate near Whitefield. Ten individuals at the cafe were reportedly injured in the mishap.

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said, "A 35-year-old man who arrived at the eatery at 11.35 am, and left a bag before purchasing rava idli, is suspected

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> — DK Shivakumar, deputy Chief Minister, Karnataka

What cafe co-founder said

'Disguised as customer, someone left bag near basin and left'

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8-year-old undergoes historic liver-kidney transplant

An 8-year-old girl child from Tamil Nadu underwent a combined liver and kidney transplantation at Apollo Hospitals, Seshadripuram. Hospital sources revealed that this marked the first instance in India where Aquadex was employed from Waynia for simultaneous liver–kidney transplantation, addressing the critical condition of the patient and preparing her for the operation theatre.

Lakshmi (name changed) was diagnosed with congenital hepatic fibrosis and autosomal recessive polycystic kidney disease, genetic ailments that surfaced when she was 6 years old. Her condition deteriorated rapidly, resulting in severe complications from liver disease and kidney failure, necessitating an urgent transplant to save her life.

Dr Manohar T, Chief of Urology Services, Uro-oncology, and Kidney Transplantation, Laser, Laparoscopic, and Robotic Surgeon, highlighted the unique hurdles in removing her native kidneys and inserting the new kidney, particularly concerning the risk of infection from the cystic native kidneys and spatial constraints, which led to the decision to opt for the left side.

Lakshmi's path to recovery was marked by obstacles such as tense ascites and fluid accumulation, but innovative solutions like Aquadex-Aquaresis offered hope.

Dr Sanjay Govil, Senior Consultant HPG & Multi-Organ Transplantation, and his team were instrumental in conducting the liver transplantation surgery. Uday Davda, Vice President & Unit Head, Apollo Hospitals, Seshadripuram, lauded the surgery as a marvel of modern medicine, overcoming intricate surgical challenges with precision and skill. **— BMB**

3 THINGS TO DO

01 Let's hear together

Speech and Hearing Clinic, in partnership with Enrich Rehabilitation Trust, is excited to unveil a new initiative on World Hearing Day: a free hearing screening centre for children. This collaborative effort aims to assist deaf children in developing natural speech skills, akin to their hearing peers, by identifying and intervening early in their lives. The centre will host free hearing screening sessions for children less than 3 years of age every Tuesday. **When- Every Tuesday**
Where- Nayak's Speech and Hearing Clinic

02 Theatre fest

Bangalore is gearing up to host the much-anticipated Jairangam Fringes Theatre Festival, a two-day extravaganza showcasing the best of theatre from across the nation. Organized by 3M Dot Bands and supported by The Ministry of Art and Culture, Government of India, the festival aims to provide a platform for artists to engage with theatre enthusiasts, fostering a love for the performing arts and promoting cultural exchange. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to witness incredible talent, engage in intellectual conversations, and immerse yourself in the magic of theatre. **When: March 2 and 3; Where: Lahe Lahe**

03 Kids paradise

Dive into the magical world of Tulika Books at Atta Galatta. The day kicks off at 1 pm with an exciting treasure hunt, followed by a captivating animation workshop by illustrator Priyankar Gupta at 2 pm. At 3 pm, join beloved children's author Menaka Raman as she unveils her latest book, "How Do We Name This Dog", followed by enchanting stories and activities by storyteller Vikram Sridhar. With refreshments served and a free book for every child, this day promises endless fun and discovery. **When- March 2; Where- Atta Galatta**

‘2 blasts in less than 10 seconds’

What cafe co-founder said: ‘Disguised as customer, someone left bag near basin and left’

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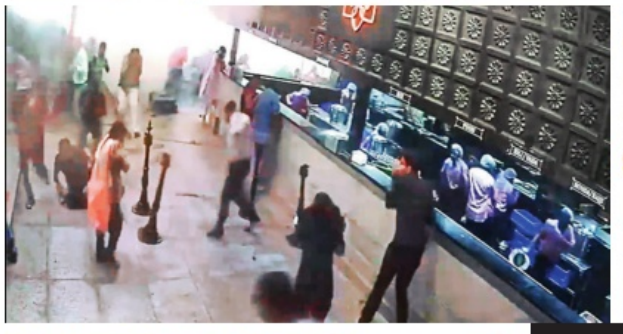
Co-founder of The Rameshwaram Cafe Divya Raghavendra Rao had this update so far on the shocking incident of Friday. "The incident occurred at the handwash area where a dustbin and plates were kept. There were no cylinders, explosives, or other equipment present, and none of our equipment exploded." She said that based on their information, it appears that someone, disguised as a customer, left a bag, which may have been the cause of the blast. "Two blasts occurred within a span of 10 seconds, and some of our staff were injured and immediately taken to the hospital. We have been cooperating with the police investigation by providing access to our outlet and CCTV footage," she said.

She dismissed speculations of rivalry angle. "I do not believe this incident is related to business rivalry. After reviewing the CCTV footage, it is evident that the blast occurred at the hand wash area. At the time of the incident, approximately 150 employees were working, and three of our staff and one customer were injured," she said.

About the security arrangements at the cafe, she said, while they have security for traffic management, there was no security present for frisking or checking inside the premises. "All materials received at the hotel are checked by security at the back end," she said. According to her, the open structure of the cafe was a saving grace. "Had the environment been enclosed, the blast could have been more severe, but due to the open area, the impact of the blast was minimal. Currently, I am in Hyderabad with my baby and hence coordinating with police over the phone. As far as I have known, a bag is supposed to have been found containing ID cards and a battery, prompting us to closely examine the CCTV footage. I doubt that the bag was left during the night, as we conduct thorough cleaning of the outlet in the morning. Therefore, it is likely that the bag was placed sometime between the morning cleaning and the occurrence of the incident."

A source expressed shock at the choice of a cafe as a bombing target, noting the lack of security measures such as handheld metal detectors or metal doors commonly found in top end hotels. However, memories of the September 2018 bombing at Gokul Chats, a popular snack corner in Hyderabad, serve as a reminder that such attacks can occur anywhere.



Scenes from just seconds after the blast captured on CCTV footage; police officials and bomb disposal squad in action at the site of the explosion at The Rameshwaram Cafe in Whitefield on Friday

> We are deeply saddened by the unfortunate incident at our Brookefield branch today. We are cooperating with the authorities and officials in their investigations. Our thoughts are with the injured and their families, and we are offering them all the support, assistance and care they need and pray for their speedy recovery,"
>
> **Divya Raghavendra Rao, Co-Founder & Managing Director, Rameshwaram Cafe**

At least 10 hurt; most have minor injuries

Dr Kalpana (Head of the Department of Emergency Medicine and Pain Medicine), Vydehi Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre said, "We received a total of five patients, three of whom were women. One patient had minor injuries and was treated at the OPD. Among the remaining four patients, one underwent a cornea operation, while the others suffered minor injuries to their hands, legs, and chest. They received primary treatment and were advised admission. All reported experiencing a ringing sensation in their ears, known as tinnitus, due to the blast impact. One patient sustained glass injuries and was taken to the operating theater." Dr. Pradeep Kumar, medical director of Brookefield Hospital, stated, "Three were admitted to the hospital. One sustained 40% burns and has been admitted to the ICU. The other two patients are in a state of shock. The patient with 40% burns may require a simple surgery."

Political colour

Following the incident, a political dispute ensued with the opposition BJP directing criticism towards the Congress. In response, the CM stated, "Such incidents have occurred throughout history and should not be tolerated. The state had been free from such occurrences for a considerable period. The most recent incident was the Mangaluru cooker blast, which was also relatively minor. This marks the first incident since the Congress government assumed power. The perpetrators will be apprehended, and decisive action will be taken against them. Politics should not be involved in these matters. We will take stringent measures."

Case under UAPA and Explosive Substances Act

Police have registered a case under the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and Explosive Substances Act in connection with the explosion at the city's popular eatery Rameshwaram Cafe on Friday, officials said. A statement issued by the city Police Commissioner's office said 10 people were injured in the blast. In this regard, a case has been registered at HAL police station under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act 1967 and the Explosive Substances Act. Forensic experts and a bomb disposal squad have visited the spot and are investigating, it said.

City shocked by blast at cafe

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to be the perpetrator. He exited the hotel at 11.46 AM. The individual's actions, including disembarking from a bus and entering the hotel to buy rava idli were captured on CCTV. A dedicated team has been set up to investigate the incident, with the CCB leading the efforts. I want to reassure everyone that Bengaluru is safe."

The popular eatery was crowded with people enjoying their favourite meals at the time of the incident. Leaked videos depicted scenes of chaos, with smoke filling the area and some individuals falling to the ground while others ran in panic.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah stated: "CCTV footage is under examination, and police are conducting a probe. The explosive, likely to be an IED, was kept in a bag abandoned by the suspect."

Director General of Police Alok Mohan said investigations are ongoing, and the police will identify those responsible. "We are investigating. FSL (forensic) teams have arrived and are conducting checks. City police commissioner and other senior police officers are present at the scene. We will certainly identify the perpetrator. No one has sustained serious injuries, and both staff and customers who were injured are receiving treatment in the hospital."

In response to reports of batteries found at the scene, he stated that clarity will emerge once the FSL team completes a full examination. DGP Mohan mentioned that information about the incident has been relayed to the National Investigation Agency (NIA) and the Intelligence Bureau (IB).

Panathur's S Cross: Time ticks, residents await

Citizens express concern over sluggish demolition pace and delayed land acquisition

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While the officials have stated that 60 per cent of the demolition work is completed and they are continuing to follow up for the completion of land acquisition for all 55 properties on Panathur S Cross, the residents have stated that the work has been slow, and they are still unsure when the entire work will be completed.

According to the Namma Belagere group, those properties which have been demolished by some people who have received their cash are trying to reclaim them. While the entire land acquisition issue has been taking a long time, the citizens are now afraid that the entire process might take much longer, especially with the upcoming election code of conduct potentially halting the works and the land acquisition issue.

Construction work on Pathanur S Cross Road

A member from Namma Belagarer said, "Last week, a school bus got stuck for 2.5 hours and the situation has not improved. We visited the traffic police and senior officials. We had asked for barricades for lane discipline as many were breaking the lanes. But it is still ongoing. The other RUB constructed is not being used; it is just a waste of money. We are still unsure how many people are yet to get compensation. Right now, the presence of traffic police is not causing problems for the demolition work. We want the work to happen at a faster pace."

Apart from this, the resident added, "The Panathur RUB that was constructed has still not been opened for the last two years. This is again resulting in not solving the traffic issues. For the past two years, different reasons have been given for the vent not being fully functional, stating they are connecting access roads and more, but it's been 2 years now, and we are struggling."

> **"For the past 2 years, different reasons have been given for the vent not being fully functional, stating they are connecting access roads and more** – a resident

They added that they want the land acquisition and all the compensations to be fixed at the earliest so that once all the properties' demolition work is solved, they can see some progress in road widening early and resolve the situation that has been ongoing for years.

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Expo shot in the arm for elevator, mobility sector

An exhibition, Smart Lift & Mobility World 2024 (SLM World 2024), was flagged off on Friday at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC), marking a milestone in the evolution of the elevator and mobility sectors. Hosted by Virgo Communications & Exhibitions Pvt. Ltd., the event heralds a new era of innovation, safety, and sustainability in vertical and horizontal mobility solutions. Over the span of this comprehensive 3-day event, industry stakeholders from across the globe will convene to explore cutting-edge technologies, exchange knowledge, and celebrate excellence in the field.

The event provides a unique platform for manufacturers, suppliers, and service providers to present their products and solutions to a global audience. The expo enables these stakeholders to meet new players, compare solutions, and make informed decisions tailored to their specific needs. Over 130 plus exhibitors are present at the venue from Friday.

"This expo marks a pivotal step towards revolutionising India's urban development through enhanced lift and mobility solutions. This event is not just a platform but a catalyst for integrating cutting-edge technologies and smart innovations, making them more accessible and efficient," said Anitha Raghunath, Director at Virgo Communications & Exhibitions Pvt. Ltd. **— BMB**

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Footpath takeover

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Vendors have occupied footpaths near SBI Bank for years and they must be cleared to ensure pedestrian safety.

Slab slump

Ramamurthy Nagar

The slabs near Ramamurthy Nagar Church have been dismantled improperly for a year now, posing a serious risk of accidents, with BBMP neglecting the issue.

Dumped!

Gottigere

Waste is being dumped in front of prestigious institutions on Jambusavari Dinne Road.

KAUSHIK JN

Work in progress
Students do last-minute touch-up before the 2nd PU exams begin at a school in Basavanagudi, on Friday

Demand draft: When BBMP staffers strike

Services affected for half a day as employees allege officials harassing them though property tax collection has gone up

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) employees on Friday applied for mass leave and staged a protest at Freedom Park in support of their 15 demands. Services at the BBMP offices were affected for half a day thus causing inconvenience to the visitors.

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Officers and Employees Welfare Association president A Amruth Raj said the protest was successful. "The BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath assured us that they would look into our problems and assured us that measures would be taken to meet our demands," said Amruth Raj.

He said that despite an increase in property tax collection from Rs 3,339 crore in 2022 to Rs 3,598 crore in 2023-24, BBMP higher officials have been harassing revenue inspectors without any reason. "The BBMP higher authorities have issued notices to 27 revenue officers and inspectors and two of them were suspended without a valid reason. The authorities have suspended assistant revenue officer Lakshmi without issuing a final enquiry order for the last five years," he said.

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BBMP employees stage a protest at Freedom Park on Friday

He demanded that the authorities take measures to post health officer Devi from RR Nagar Zone who is waiting for a post for some time now and recalled how the authorities have suspended senior health officer KL Vishwanath during a stone-pelting incident.

"Since most of the employees have to work outside the BBMP premises, we demand the cancellation of the norm to login at 10 am and logout at 5.30 pm. We also demand the authorities to avail of the finance department's consent to fill up 521 vacancies. We want the recruitment of employees for the BBMP as per the population of the city," he said, adding that the BBMP has to organise Nada Prabhu Kempegowda Jayanti that has been discontinued for the last four years.

> **"Since most employees have to work outside the premises, we want the norm to login at 10 am and logout at 5.30 pm to be cancelled**
> –Amruth Raj, employees association

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Right to news

Right information is saving grace, only if it is available at the right moment: like timely diagnosis/medication.

Think of it in societal context: if the collective is consistently fed wrong information for years/decades that may affect the outcome of polls, prospects of small and medium businesses in short/long term and quality of life itself, an almost irreparable shift that can't be undone in the near future takes root.

'Independent' press was to ensure this does not happen and citizens access timely factual news of topical events so that they course-correct the collective's journey through their choice of elected representatives.

Today, society's right to news lies at the mercy of a handful of media outlets/social messaging platforms that manipulate news breaks, at times self censoring information that may not please the ruling dispensation which in turn help these entities in a quid pro quo.

The pliant press and digital platforms believe manipulating information is okay.

Oftentimes isolated instances surface on social messaging platforms that do not receive deserving attention from a socio-political standpoint because they are not coming from the right quarter that wields control or regulatory oversight.

This is perhaps how balance of power has been tilting news flow post tech and affects the collective's confirmation bias already manipulated by years of holding captive the citizenry in resonance chambers where the isolated instances as aforementioned are painted over by paid trolls and media. A scenario where organic opposition has held forth in the past decade is extremely rare.

For instance a sadhu was seen lambasting the establishment in a short video recently to a degree rarely shown on these platforms only to be perhaps pulled down or downplayed by pliant code sooner.

The point is hollowing out the tenets of the press isn't what the tech & political establishments must strive for and the citizenry should not let that happen. Instead they must let journalists do their job just like journos do not attempt to write code or dictate how tech, politics or jurisprudence are delivered.

Just as the orchestra isn't conducted by a mechanic, not peddlers/bots/algorithms, journalists are the custodians of news breaks. Keeping the sanctity of this flow humanely by humans is paramount now when the most powerful are hell-bent on hijacking news flow as if their political careers depended on it.

Fact-checking mechanisms, as some platforms are setting up now, do not always ensure whatever the platform/users share or publish is based on facts. Attempting to legitimise half-truths and cooked-up stories by pulling a cover of 'fact-checking' does not cut it.

Like food, clothing and shelter, now a smartphone is a fixture in the basic survival kit for humanity, so is access to independent, verified and factual news dissemination a primary necessity to traverse and make sense of the wired world. That is if you prefer not to be lambs to the slaughterhouse.

Perhaps there has never been a point in the civilisational timeline when news has been manufactured for political ends - lie after lie - often referred now as setting the narrative.

This diminishes political opposition, marginalises the vulnerable furthermore, and cushions the powerful from oncoming onslaught of exposure if any, forbidding scrutiny by independent media. The greatest harm the digital complex has dealt to democracy and politics is this handover of reins of information dissemination from erstwhile independent verifiers and publishers of news to those that work on behalf of the establishment.

This is why right to independently verified news shall be a basic guarantee in a real democracy. But headlines are fed into the news cycle to influence the psyche of citizens. During the Himachal Pradesh fiasco where Congress MLAs cross-voted in the Rajya Sabha poll, the news seemed to suggest all is well though this act, rampant in the past decade, is a violation and prima facie hoodwinks the electorate.

The other day, a US court ordered Israel's NSO Group - maker of the cyber weapon Pegasus - to share the spurious software's code with WhatsApp entangled in a legal tussle with NSO. Meta has accused NSO Group of spying on 1400 WhatsApp users using Pegasus in 2019 including journalists and dissidents in India.

The Guardian wrote in a story about the court proceedings: "While NSO does not disclose the names of its clients, research and media reports over the years have identified Poland, Saudi Arabia, Rwanda, India, Hungary and the United Arab Emirates as among the countries that have previously used the technology to target dissidents, journalists, human rights activists and other members of civil society."

This is another fallout of the press ceding ground to tech actors and the state holding tech such as Pegasus above regulatory framework and shunning ever critical press to rein in opposition. Provided algorithms capable of manufacturing blatant lies and false narratives are at hand even as so-called generative AI is being 'democratised now', we need a freer press right now.

West & South turning preferred destinations

Bengaluru West and South are turning out to be preferred destinations for property buyers. As the city is growing in all directions, there are many premium and affordable plots available for buyers. Magadi Road and Banashankari-Uttarahalli are emerging as the most sought-after destinations for property buyers seeking premium plots equipped with essential amenities. These areas offer more than just land; they provide a lifestyle characterised by convenience and affordability. With features like street lights, compound walls, security provisions, and ready-to-build plots, it's no surprise that buyers are gravitating here.

Sree Devi, a realtor, said, "We are witnessing a surge in demand due to their strategic location and well-developed infrastructure. These areas offer the perfect blend of accessibility and tranquility. Buyers are drawn to the serene surroundings and seamless connectivity to the city centre. Buyers also express satisfaction with the amenities and features provided in these premium plots. In addition to convenience and amenities, the availability of facilities for bank loans is attracting many buyers to these areas. The developers have tie-ups with leading banks, making the loan process smooth and hassle-free."

Property dealers highlight the value proposition offered by Magadi Road and Banashankari-Uttarahalli. "Compared to other parts of the city, the property prices here are relatively affordable. Buyers get more value for their investment without compromising on quality or amenities," she added.

Furthermore, the legal transparency of these plots is a significant factor driving buyer interest. "I was hesitant about investing in property due to legal concerns. But with all the necessary legal documents provided upfront, I felt confident in my decision to purchase a plot here. I was impressed by the level of infrastructure development on Magadi Road. The provision of street lights and security measures gives me peace of mind, knowing that my investment is secure. I didn't want to wait months for paperwork and approvals," said Vandita Kumar, a prospective buyer. **-Prakash VL**

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NIMHANS exhibition unveils indigenous innovations

Featuring interactive mind games and real brain displays, event marks stride towards 'Viksit Bharat 2047' vision

The two-day mega exhibition hosted by the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), held on February 29 and March 1, 2024, saw a footfall of over 13,000 visitors, predominantly comprising vibrant school and college students eager to explore the marvels of indigenous innovation. The exhibition, which was a part of the National Science Day celebrations, was themed "Indigenous Technologies for Viksit Bharat."

Featuring an impressive array of 75 stalls, the exhibition highlighted the groundbreaking work conducted at NIMHANS in the fields of mental health and neurosciences. The event aimed to bridge the gap between science and the public, offering a unique opportunity for attendees to explore, learn, and engage with the advancements in these critical disciplines.

The stalls set up by various departments and sections of NIMHANS, were equipped with innovative tools that facilitated hands-on experiences for the visitors. From interactive mind games designed to stimulate cognitive engagement to the rare opportunity to touch and feel a real human brain, the exhibition left an indelible mark on the minds of those who attended.

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The mind games, in particular, garnered significant attention, encouraging students to delve deeper into the science behind these captivating activities. The chance to interact with experts and learn about the intricate workings of the brain first-hand added an extra layer of excitement and educational value to the event. Visitors were not only treated to a feast for the intellect but also became ambassadors of positive change. The overarching theme of contributing to the vision of "Viksit Bharat 2047" resonated throughout the exhibition, inspiring a sense of responsibility and participation among the attendees.

Dr Jahnavi Phalkey, a historian of science and technology, documentary filmmaker, and the Founding Director of Science Gallery Bengaluru, inaugurated the event. A student who participated in the event said, "I never thought neuroscience could be this exciting. The mind games were so cool, and I learned a lot. It's inspired me to consider a career in science. I have attended many science exhibitions, but this one was different. The hands-on experience and the chance to engage with experts made it unforgettable."

— BMB

Students at the science exhibition at NIMHANS

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Bengaluru stands as a testament to India's military legacy, boasting the honour of hosting some of the oldest army regiments in the country. With roots dating back centuries, these regiments, including the renowned Madras Sappers, established in the 1770s, contribute to the city's vibrant historical tapestry. Their enduring presence signifies not only a deep-seated tradition of service but also their ongoing commitment to safeguarding the nation's interests. As guardians of tradition and bastions of discipline, these esteemed units not only uphold tradition but also play pivotal roles in modern developments like the upkeep of Ulsoor Lake.

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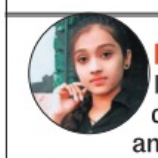

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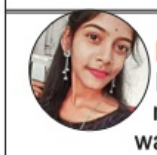

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Push for fast pace of work for Bengaluru-Mangaluru section

The Bengaluru-Mangaluru route is a pivotal connection between the capital city and the coastal regions. While the project successfully achieved four-laning between Bengaluru and the Hassan bypass, two stretches remained two-laned.

Addressing this, the four-laning work for the Channarayapatna bypass was initiated at a cost of Rs 566.18 crore, sanctioned on December 12, 2022. Currently, 25.85 km out of the 39.13 km stretch has been four-laned, with the entire length anticipated to be completed by March 31, 2025. An expenditure of Rs 460.17 crore has been incurred thus far.

A NHAI official said, "Moving on to the second phase of the project, the four-laning of Hassan to Maranahalli was sanctioned on December 29, 2015, costing Rs 1,021.57 crore, with work commencing on March 6, 2017. Of the 45.14 km stretch, 33.8 km has been completed, and the remaining section is projected to be finalized by March 31, 2025.

The total expenditure on this segment stands at Rs 716.67 crore. Shifting focus to the four-laning of Addahaole

With well-developed roads, access to basic amenities such as electricity and water, and even internet connectivity, these properties provide the ideal balance between rural living and modern comforts

(near Gundya) to Bantwal cross, it was awarded on January 27, 2021, with a budget of Rs 541.07 crore, and work began on January 1, 2021. However, progress has been sluggish. Out of the 15.13 km stretch, only 9.45 km has been completed, and the expected completion date is March 31, 2024.

An expenditure of Rs 239.55 crore has been reported so far. For the second package of this project, including the Kalladka town flyover, it was awarded on October 8, 2020, at a cost of Rs 1,660.2 crore. Of the 48.48 km stretch, 16.25 km has been completed, and the overall completion is anticipated by October 31, 2024, with Rs 672.55 crore spent up to this point."

Meanwhile, the demand for farmland with good infrastructure among Bengalureans has been steadily increasing in recent years due to various factors. One significant reason is the growing trend of urban dwellers seeking a retreat from the hustle and bustle of city life.

As Bengaluru expands rapidly, many residents are looking for a peaceful escape where they can reconnect with nature and enjoy a more relaxed lifestyle.

"Farmlands with good infrastructure offer the perfect solution for Bengalureans looking for a getaway without compromising on convenience.

With well-developed roads, access to basic amenities such as electricity and water, and even internet connectivity, these properties provide the ideal balance between rural living and modern comforts. Additionally, the rise of agro-tourism and farm-stay experiences has fueled the demand for farmland among Bengalureans.

Many city dwellers are drawn to the idea of owning a piece of land where they can grow their own food, engage in agricultural activities, or simply escape for a weekend retreat. Farmlands with good infrastructure offer the perfect opportunity to turn these dreams into reality, providing a space where families can bond over farming activities or host guests for a unique rural experience," said Devi Gowda, a realtor. **– Prakash**

Home is where luxury is

Bengaluru has ranked 59th on Knight Frank's Prime International Residential Index (PIRI 100) index in 2023. It has climbed up four positions from 63rd in 2022 owing to 2.2% YoY increase in the price value of the luxury residential market.

According to Knight Frank's The Wealth Report 2024, the value of PIRI has increased by 3.1% in 2023 showcasing solid overall gains. Of the 100 luxury residential markets tracked, 80 recorded positive to neutral annual price growth. Manila (26%) leads the rankings while Dubai (16%), last year's front-runner slipped one spot. The Bahamas (15%) comes in third place with Algarve and Cape Town (both 12.3%) completing the top five.

Kate Everett-Allen, head of international residential and country research at Knight Frank said: "At the start of 2023, economists were expecting a much weaker outcome across global residential property markets.

Stock markets were heading for more pain, inflation was veering out of control and the pandemic-fuelled property boom was set to end in tears as borrowing costs hit 15-year highs in some markets. However, that never happened – we've seen a much softer landing in terms of price performance around the world."

Shishir Baijal, Chairman & Managing Director, Knight Frank India, said, "India's luxury residential market has shown remarkable growth, as highlighted in Knight Frank's Wealth Report 2024.

Mumbai's ascent to the 8th rank globally, with a staggering 10% year-on-year increase in luxury residential prices, underscores the city's enduring appeal.

While Mumbai logged into the top 10 league among PIRI 100 cities, Delhi and Bengaluru also demonstrated positive momentum by improving their ranks. As we navigate the complexities of the global market, India's emergence as a prime destination for luxury real estate investment is undeniable."

Monaco continues its reign as the world's most expensive real estate market where US$ 1 million can get you 16 square metres (sq. mt.) of space, followed by Hong Kong (22 sq. mt.) and Singapore (32 sq. mt.) in 2023. For US$ 1 million, Mumbai offers to purchase 103 sq. mt. of prime residential space, marking a reduction in space purchase of 8.85% YoY compared to 113 sq. mt. in 2022.

Comparatively in Delhi, one can purchase 217 sq. mt. which accounts to reduction of 3.98% from 226 sq. mt. in 2022. Bengaluru recorded a 2.12% space reduction from 385 sq. mt. in 2022 to 377 sq. mt. in 2023.

Neglect of lakes led to city's parched scenes, say experts

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While water shortages are not uncommon in Bengaluru during the summer season, this time feels different.

Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board's (BWSSB) recent announcement of 257 potential water-stressed areas, coupled with plummeting reservoir levels with each passing day and agencies desperate attempt to harness ground water by drilling bore wells in the CBD area of the city are some indicators pointing at this unusual water crisis. While below average rainfall of last year and higher temperatures might be some factors responsible for Bengaluru's ongoing water stress, experts point at years of neglect of Bengaluru's waterbodies as one of the important factors leading to the ongoing water woes even before the peak of summer.

This photograph taken on January 29, 2024, shows an empty plastic water bottle dumped on the arid Doddathogur lakebed in Bengaluru

"Hundreds of Bengaluru's lakes have been encroached over time and many have disappeared. This has been happening despite various rules and regulations against illegal encroachment of waterbodies. Not only the government agencies but even citizens have not been exercising caution. Despite all, encroachments continue, reducing the size and number of waterbodies, thus impacting groundwater table leading to less water availability," said Joseph Hoover, founder of the United Conservation Movement and Charitable Trust.

Some also underline unscientific rejuvenation of the lakes by BBMP, impacting not only water-holding capacity but infiltration as well.

"The main purpose and functionality of lakes is rainwater harvesting, groundwater recharge, and flood mitigation. However, the functionality of the majority of these waterbodies has been reduced to just recreation. While crores have been spent on rejuvenation of the city's lakes, none of these have been restored to their original water-holding capacity. The natural contour of these lakes has also been disturbed. Moreover, untreated sewage flowing into the lakes has impacted groundwater recharge capacity as well," said V Ramprasad, founder of Friends of Lakes.

Unscientific rejuvenation of lakes; rampant illegal encroachment, sewage inflow among major reasons behind disappearing waterbodies

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Kidneys & cornea among most donated organs; queue of patients awaiting organs persists

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Kidneys and corneas have been the most donated organs in the state since 2017. According to the latest statistics, a total of 1,062 kidneys and 1,084 corneas have been donated. There were also donations of 591 livers, 189 hearts, 19 kidneys and pancreases, nine small intestines, 95 lungs, 37 liver and kidney combinations, 299 heart valves, 83 skin grafts, and four hands. However, there remains a long list of patients awaiting organs in the state as of February 27, 2024. For kidneys, 5,942 patients are waiting, for livers 2,043, for hearts 187, for lungs 79, for heart and lungs 30, for liver and kidney 61, for kidney and pancreas 29, for heart and kidney two, and for small intestine one.

An official said, "One organ donor can save up to eight lives. A donor can provide a heart, two kidneys, a liver, a pancreas, a small intestine, and lungs. Additionally, the same donor can positively impact more than 50 lives through tissue donation. There is no age limit for organ donation. Organs such as skin, bones, ligaments, heart valves, and eyes can also be donated."

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Individuals can pledge to donate organs while they are alive. Pledges for organ donation can be made through the Jeevasarthakathe QR code/NOTTO QR code. From September 5, 2023, to February 27, 2024, Karnataka State ranked 4th with a total of 20,029 organ donation pledges through the NOTTO QR code.

"The objectives of this year's Organ Donation Campaign include an emphasis on implementing various schemes under the NCDs program aimed at promoting a healthy lifestyle and thereby reducing the demand for organ transplants. Alongside this effort, the government has taken the initiative to launch a free single-use dialysis program, further supporting the campaign's objectives. A key focus lies in raising awareness about organ donation in cases of brain death," an official said.

The official said the campaign aims to combat illegal activities associated with organ transplantation by ensuring transparent processes for deceased donor and live donation programmes.

Another vital aspect of the campaign involves dispelling superstitions and misconceptions surrounding organ donation and transplantation. By providing accurate information, the campaign seeks to foster a more positive attitude towards organ donation. "It also aims to enhance the capabilities of hospitals in identifying and declaring brain death cases through specialised training. As part of this, all district hospitals and medical colleges are being recognised as NTHORC, contributing to a more robust infrastructure for organ donation and transplantation. It's important to note that only registered individuals in Jeevasarthakathe are eligible to receive organs, ensuring fairness and transparency in the allocation process. These objectives collectively form a comprehensive strategy to promote organ donation and improve access to life-saving transplants," the official added.

India to see warmer summer this year: IMD

India is likely to experience a warmer summer this year with El Nino conditions predicted to continue at least until May, the India Meteorological Department said on Friday.

More heatwave days than normal are predicted over northeast peninsular India -- Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and north interior Karnataka -- and many parts of Maharashtra and Odisha, it said.

The country is likely to record above-normal rainfall in March (more than 117 per cent of the long-period average of 29.9 mm).

India is likely to see above-normal maximum and minimum temperatures in most parts of the country in the March to May period, IMD Director General Mrutyunjay Mohapatra said at a press conference.

Heatwave conditions are not expected over north and central India in March, he said.

Lok Sabha polls are likely to be held in April-May.

Mohapatra said the prevailing El Nino conditions -- the periodic warming of waters in the central Pacific Ocean -- will continue through the summer season and neutral conditions are likely to develop thereafter. –PTI

Not just a game: esports is a career move now

In the last decade, e-sports has seen a phenomenal shift with many considering it as a viable career opportunity. Top professionals in esports are earning up to Rs 17 LPA excluding brand deals.

Roughly 10 years ago, esports was not perceived as a career but merely as a community of gaming enthusiasts who competed for the sport of the game. But now the scenario is changing drastically as youngsters are choosing esports as a full-time career. With more online and offline competitions and championships being offered, youngsters have better avenues for exposure to the industry. Experts say that the advent of better gaming hardware and ISPs has led to this shift.

Experts say there has been big shift in esports scene in the country

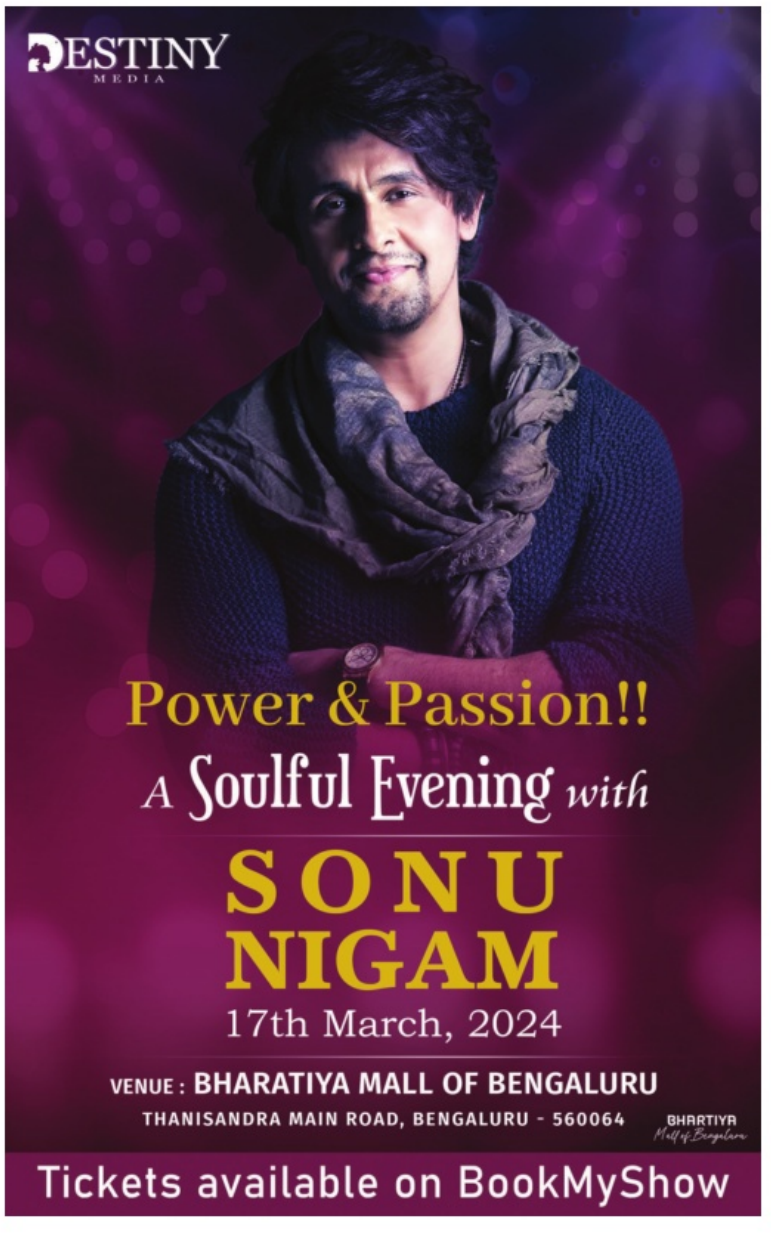
Bengaluru also has a gamer community that pushes young enthusiasts into the industry. The Blitz Esports, a gamer's paradise in Rajajinagar, was started in 2013 to accelerate the career of young gamers. "We started the cafe to cater to the needs of young gamers and to guide them in their journey. We wanted to create a space for young gamers where they can focus on improving their gaming skills. To get into the industry, they just need passion and no prerequisite skills or educational qualifications are required. We also host an annual Blitz Youth Cup where players with a prize pool of Rs 1.5 lakh," said Swaroop Sarkar, Director of Blitz Esports and former professional gamer.

In the India region, Valorant and CS2 are more popular among professional gamers while DOTA is more popular in the EU and US.

While many start taking up gaming as a career and there might be no educational prerequisites, only the top professionals earn the big bucks. "The esports scenario has completely shifted in India. Since the start of the cafe, we have successfully encouraged 15-20 people to pursue esports full time and biggest names like SK Rossi and Skillz have started from our cafe. There are nearly 500-1000 players with around 20 teams being kept on a salaried basis," he added.

Estimated, it takes about 1-3 years to kickstart the career of an esports professional depending on their passion and grit. However, the playing career peaks up to 30 years of age. Experts say that playing a career does not signify a career and can diversify into different roles associated with esports. "On average, the playing career of an esports professional starts at 14-15 and goes till 30 years of age. After that they can shift towards team management, coaching, casting, match analysis," he added. While there are no educational prerequisites, experts suggest that esports professionals should pursue their educational goals simultaneously. "Now, there are even specialised courses for esports such as management courses for team management, and broadcasting which help them in developing the second stage of their career," Sarkar said.

– Melvin Mathew



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Google starts removing Indian apps as fee row escalates

Hit a pay wall

Google began removing the apps of 10 companies in India on Friday, including some popular matrimony apps such as Bharat Matrimony, in a dispute over service fee payments in one of the company's fastest growing markets.

Indian startups have for years been protesting against many of the U.S. giant's practices, including its in-app fee charges. Google says its fees help develop and promote the Android and the Play Store app ecosystem.

On Friday, India's Matrimony.com matchmaking apps Bharat Matrimony, Christian Matrimony, Muslim Matrimony and Jodii were removed from Google's Play Store, its founder Murugavel Janakiraman told Reuters.

It's a "dark day" for India's internet, he said. "Our apps are getting deleted one by one. It literally means all the top matrimony services will be deleted."

Matrimonial apps and websites have been growing in popularity in India as younger people shun traditional matchmaking by parents.

Matrimony.com's Bharat Matrimony app had been downloaded more than 50 million times, Janakiraman said. The company said it has more than 40 million customers.

The dispute centres on efforts by some Indian startups to stop Google from imposing a fee of 11% to 26% on in-app payments, after the country's antitrust authorities ordered it to dismantle an earlier system of charging 15% to 30%.

But Google effectively received a go-ahead to charge the fee or remove apps after two court decisions in January and February, one by the Supreme Court.

The unit of Alphabet Inc sent notices on Friday of Play Store violations to Matrimony.com and Info Edge, which runs a similar app, Jeevansathi.

Matrimony.com shares fell as much as 2.7% initially but closed up 2.2% on Friday, while Info Edge dropped 1.5% before paring losses.

Info Edge founder Sanjeev Bikhchandani said it had cleared all pending Google invoices in a timely manner and was compliant with its policies, adding he continued to have discussions with Google. None of his company's

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apps had so far been taken down despite the notice from Google, he added. In a blog post, Google said 10 Indian companies had chosen for an extended period of time not to pay for the "immense value they receive on Google Play". It did not identify the firms.

"For years, no court or regulator has denied Google Play's right to charge," the company said.

Google said allowing some developers "to get differential treatment from the vast majority of developers who are paying their fair share creates an uneven playing field."

Google dominates the Indian market as 94% of phones are based on its Android platform.

Just 3% of the more than 200,000 Indian developers who use the Google Play platform are required to pay any service fee, Google said. **Reuters**

Elon Musk sues OpenAI for abandoning original mission

Elon Musk has sued ChatGPT-maker OpenAI and its CEO Sam Altman, saying they abandoned the startup's original mission to develop artificial intelligence for the benefit of humanity and not for profit.

The lawsuit filed late on Thursday in San Francisco puts the billionaire at loggerheads with the startup that he co-founded and is now the face of generative AI, partly due to the billions of dollars in funding from Microsoft.

Musk alleged a breach of contract, saying Altman and co-founder Greg Brockman originally approached him to make an open source, non-profit company, but the startup established in 2015 is now focused on making money.

He sought a court ruling asking OpenAI to make its research and technology available to the public and prevent the startup from using its assets, including its most advanced AI model GPT-4, for the financial gains of Microsoft or any individual. OpenAI, Microsoft and Musk did not immediately respond to Reuters requests for comment.

Musk, who runs Tesla and rocket maker SpaceX and bought Twitter for $44 billion in October 2022, has on several occasions called for regulation on AI. He stepped down from OpenAI's board in 2018 and has often criticized Microsoft's ties with the startup.

"Microsoft has a very strong say, if not directly controls, OpenAI at this point," Musk had said in an interview with Tucker Carlson in April last year.

The tie-up is under antitrust scrutiny in the United States and Britain following the startup's boardroom battle last year that resulted in the sudden ouster and return of Altman and the creation of a new temporary board. OpenAI is planning to appoint several new board members in March, the Washington Post reported on Thursday. Microsoft said in November it would have a non-voting, observer seat on the board.

MUSK's xAI

Musk has mounted a rival AI effort with his startup xAI, which is made up of engineers hired from some of the top US tech firms such as Google and Microsoft that he hopes to challenge. **Reuters**

BITS & BYTES

BAD CONTENT

Meta said that it took down over 17.8 million pieces of bad content across 13 policies for Facebook and over 4.8 million pieces of objectionable content across 12 policies for Instagram in India in January. In January, Facebook received 29,548 reports through the Indian grievance mechanism, and said it provided tools for users to resolve issues in 21,060 cases. These include pre-established channels to report content for violations, self-remediation flows where they can download their data, avenues to address account hacked issues, etc. **IANS**

PRE-POLL FAKE CHECK

Ahead of the Lok Sabha elections, Google on Friday announced to support 'Shakti, India Election Fact-Checking Collective', which is a consortium of news publishers and fact-checkers in the country, in order to curb the spread of deepfakes.

The project will focus on connecting independent fact checkers and Indian language publishers, giving them a collaborative platform to share fact checks, research resources and alerts on elections-related viral misinformation and deepfakes.

"Fact-checks in multiple Indian languages and formats, including videos, will be shared and amplified via partnering news publishers," the company said in a statement. **IANS**

DELL SOARS

Dell Technologies shares surged more than 20% on Friday after the tech equipment maker provided an annual forecast that was largely ahead of Wall Street expectations and reinforced rising demand for AI-related gear.

At $116.6, more than $15 billion was set to be added to the company's market capitalization if the current level holds, and would be the second straight gains of about 20% for the stock a day after quarterly results. Orders for the company's AI-optimized servers jumped 40% sequentially in the fourth quarter, COO Jeff Clarke said on Thursday, with the backlog nearly doubling. **Reuters**

HEALTH TIP: Type 1 diabetics who break up long periods of sitting with short bursts of movement can balance their blood sugar levels better

Waking up an hour earlier could reduce a person's risk of major depression

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OLIVE & WELL

Daily olive oil shots: Health and beauty elixir or celebrity fad?

In the ever-changing world of wellness trends and celebrity endorsed health fads there is a new trend on the scene: daily olive oil shots.

Celebrities such as Kourtney Kardashian, Beyonce, Gwyneth Paltrow and Jennifer Lopez all extol the virtues of swigging extra virgin as well as slathering it on their skin, crediting olive oil for their glowing complexions.

Lopez even based her JLo Beauty brand around the kitchen staple, claiming that her age-defying looks were not the result of botox or surgery but the family beauty secret: moisturising with olive oil.

And she's in good company. Hollywood star Goldie Hawn reportedly drinks olive oil before bed and uses it topically as a moisturiser, while beauty icon Sophia Loren really goes to town by bathing in the stuff.

While these celebrities swear by the skin beautifying properties of olive oil, some skin types should give it a swerve. Those prone to acne or eczema, for example, might find the olive oil exacerbates their problems. Some dermatologists warn against using it as skin care altogether – bad news for JLo.

Thanks largely to celebrity promotion, drinking olive oil has now become a worldwide TikTok sensation. Viral videos show influencers tossing back shots of cult olive oil brands, and pro-claiming a wide range of health benefits from improving digestion to clearing up acne.

Celebrity and influencers are sold on liquid gold but what about the rest of us? Can drinking olive oil really work miracles for our health?

The benefits of olive oil

There's no doubt that olive oil is full of good stuff. It's high in polyphenols and antioxidants, which have protective qualities for the body's tissues. It's also a rich source of essential fatty acids, including oleic acid, which is known for lowering cholesterol and reducing the chances of heart disease.

Research has found that the inclusion of olive oil in the diet shows encouraging effects in a variety of inflammatory and medical diseases and can support weight management if used correctly.

Replacing butter, margarine, mayonnaise and dairy fat with olive oil has been linked to a lower risk of mortality. There's also evidence to suggest that the protective compounds in olive oil may help guard against cancer, dementia and support the liver and kidneys.

But none of this is new information to health professionals. The health benefits of extra virgin olive oil are well researched and nutritionists have promoted olive oil as a swap for saturated cooking fat for years.

After all, the Mediterranean diet has been touted as one of the healthiest diets in the world for decades. The diet itself can vary from region to region, but virgin olive oil is a consistent element. It's used as the main source of cooking fat and included in everything from salad dressings to bread.

Can fat be healthy? Yes and no

Fats are crucial for a balanced diet, aiding in the absorption of fat-soluble vitamins A,D,E,K and enhancing the nutritional value of meals.

However, fat of any kind is also dense in calories and excessive consumption can lead to weight gain. According to the World Health Organization, to prevent unhealthy weight gain, adults should limit their intake of fat to 30% of total energy intake with no more than 10% coming from saturated fats.

Two tablespoons of olive oil – the standard amount in the shots taken by celebrities and social media influencers – contain 28g of fat (238 calories) and 3.8g of saturated fat equating to 19% of the recommended daily intake.

That daily shot of extra virgin, then, might not be the best idea. Adding small amounts of olive oil to meals throughout the day is a more balanced – and appetising – approach to incorporating healthy fats into your diet.

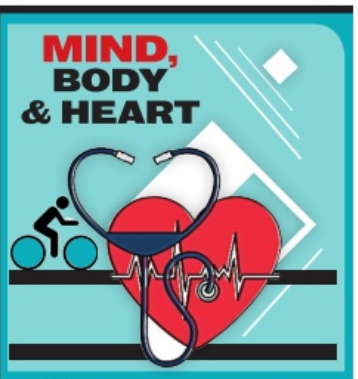
But what about Kourtney Kardashian's claim that: "It's recommended to consume extra virgin olive oil in the morning on an empty stomach so the oil can coat your system and neutralize your stomach walls for optimal benefits?"

Some brands have also echoed the idea that consuming olive oil on an empty stomach offers unique health benefits. But no. There's no scientific evidence to suggest this is true.

For a healthy but more satisfying snack, Kourtney might try including a handful of olives into her daily diet. Olives offer the same rich array of nutrients, including vitamins E, A and K, alongside essential minerals such as iron, calcium, magnesium, potassium and amino acids.

Unlike olive oil, olives have the added benefit of a high fibre content. The combination of fat and fibre enhances feelings of satiety, making olives a nutritious addition to the diet.

(By Hazel Flight, Edge Hill University, The Conversation)



All you need to know about...

Ingredients for foot care

Ghee
Ghee, has been used for centuries in Ayurvedic medicine for its numerous benefits. It is rich in essential fatty acids that provide intense hydration to the skin. When applied to the feet, ghee penetrates deep into the layers, repairing and nourishing the skin from within. It also helps in reducing inflammation and soothing any cracks or roughness.

Shea Butter
Known for its intense nourishing properties, shea butter is an excellent ingredient for moisturizing dry winter feet. It helps lock in moisture, promotes skin regeneration, and soothes any irritation or inflammation.

Glycerin
With its humectant properties, glycerin attracts and retains moisture, making it an ideal ingredient for dry and dehydrated skin. When applied to the feet, it creates a protective barrier that prevents water loss and keeps the skin hydrated.

Hyaluronic acid
Often praised for its hydrating capabilities, hyaluronic acid is a star ingredient in many skincare products. It aids in retaining moisture, improves skin elasticity, and helps heal dry and cracked feet.

Coconut oil
This versatile oil offers much-needed nourishment to winter-weary feet. Its fatty acids moisturize and soften the skin, while its antimicrobial properties protect against infections. Regular application of coconut oil can help restore the skin's natural barrier function.

Foot soak
Fill a basin or tub with warm water and add a few drops of essential oils like lavender. Soak your feet for 10-15 minutes to soothe tired muscles.

—Karen Alfonso, Femina

MIRRORLIGHTS

1 in 8 people globally is now obese: Lancet

Every eighth person or more than one billion people worldwide are living with obesity, a precursor to several diseases such as heart disease, diabetes and cancer, revealed a study released by the Lancet on Friday.

The study showed that in the last three decades obesity among adults has more than doubled worldwide. Among children and adolescents (aged between 5 to 19 years), the condition has increased four times.

The study also revealed that 43 per cent of adults were overweight in 2022. "This new study highlights the importance of preventing and managing obesity from early life to adulthood, through diet, physical activity, and adequate care, as needed," said Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General, in a statement.

In India's case, the country is grappling with a profound nutritional shift, with nutritionists attributing this "double whammy" of undernutrition and obesity to a dual challenge: inadequate consumption of quality foods and easy access to cheap, unhealthy alternatives.

The WHO has contributed to the data collection and analysis of this study. Further, rates of undernutrition were also found to be a public health challenge in many places, particularly in South-east Asia and sub-Saharan Africa.

Combined rates of underweight and obesity in 2022 were found in island nations in the Pacific and the Caribbean and those in the Middle East and North Africa.

At the World Health Assembly in 2022, about 31 countries adopted the WHO Acceleration plan to stop obesity, which supports country-level action through 2030.

To help curb obesity, they are implementing actions like promoting breastfeeding; regulating harmful marketing of food and beverages to children; nutrition labelling policies; public education and awareness campaigns for healthy diets and exercise; and standards for physical activity in schools.

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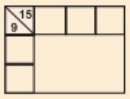
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

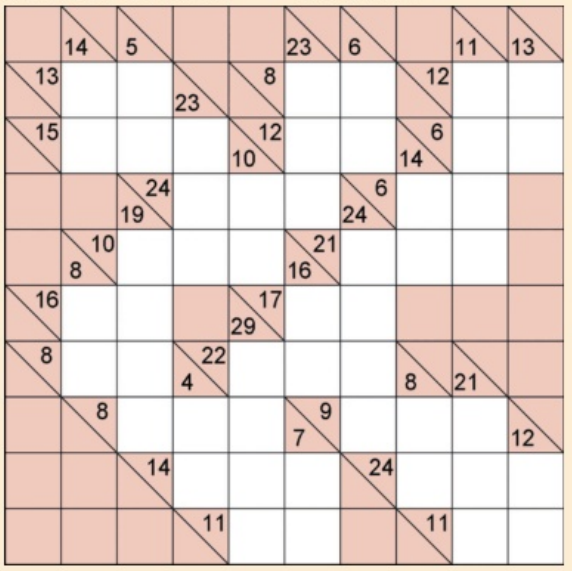
[8 -(-8^0)]^1/2 = ?

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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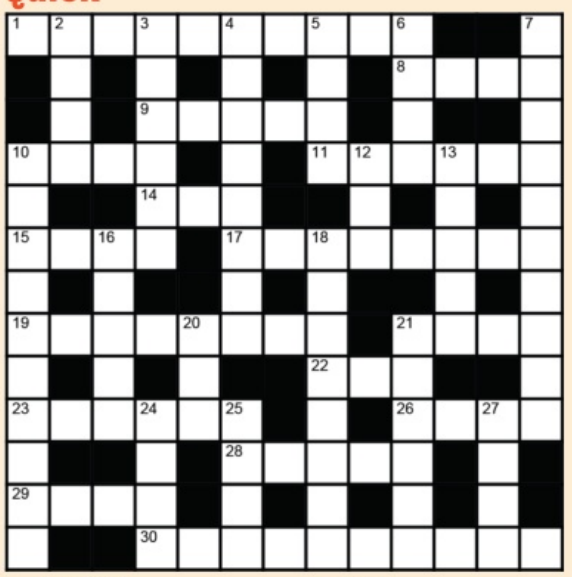


ACROSS

1 Make better (10)
8 Skater's leap (4)
9 Small and delicate (5)
10 Bollywood's Anupam ___ (4)
11 A score (6)
14 Long time (3)
15 Frame of mind (4)
17 Suave and refined (8)
19 Went beyond, crossed the limit? (8)
21 Jacob's brother (4)
22 Jinx or curse (3)
23 She-monster (6)
26 Had debts (4)
28 Planetary path (5)
29 The D in FDA (4)
30 Glasses (10)

DOWN

2 By far (4)
3 Looked lasciviously at (6)
4 Insulted, outraged or slighted (8)
5 Dad's sister (4)
6 Make less severe (4)
7 School's games area (10)
10 Magadi chieftain who founded Bangalore (5,5)
12 Court (3)
13 Approaches (5)
16 Happen (5)
18 Vice (3,5)
20 Greek goddess of dawn (3)
21 From another country (6)
24 Birds lay them (4)
25 Single or solitary (4)
27 Model Macpherson (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: H EQUALS G

RW RV ZBW AGVI WB PB VBTAWMRZH HBBP, JLW RW RV AYWDATAXI PRNNRQLXW WB PB VBTAWMRZH JGP.

Linemaro

I am indecisive, but know for sure you are my favourite

Mindchow

It is not what they take away from you that counts. It's what you do with what you have left

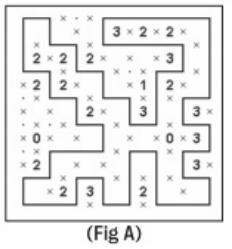
Joke of the day

My girlfriend wants to get married. I hope she meets somebody nice

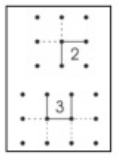
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

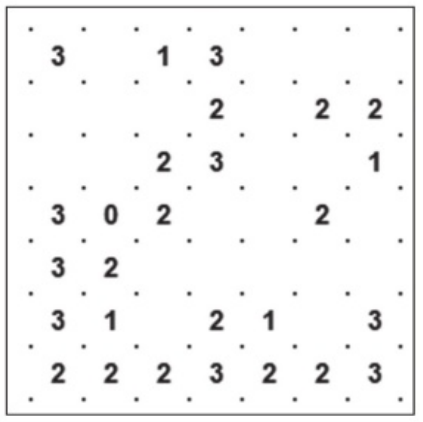


(Fig B) Not Allowed

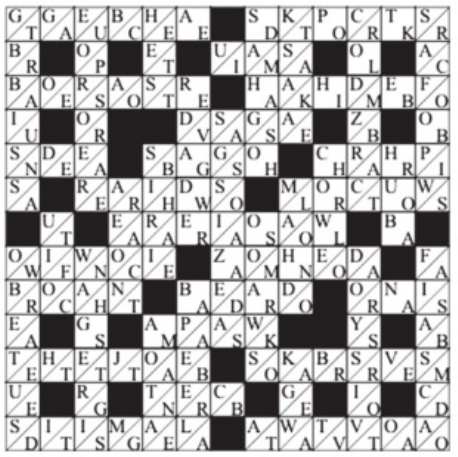
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



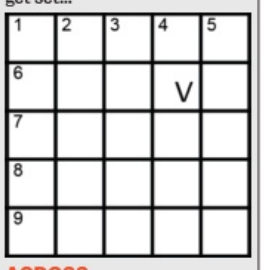
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Loner; 6 Naive; 7 I dawn; 8 Are to; 9 Dew ax

DOWN

1 Owned; 2 Arian; 3 Waxer; 4 A veto; 5 In led

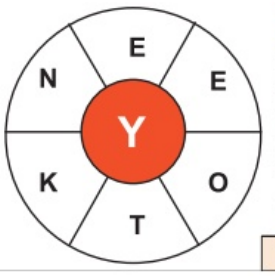
Mensapuzzle

The top set of six numbers has a relationship to the set of six numbers below. The two sets of six boxes on the left have the same relationship as the two sets of six boxes on the right. Which set of numbers should therefore replace the question marks?

A	14	4	8	8	5	7
B	16	9	4	10	3	13
C	12	9	4	18	6	19
D	12	10	9	8	5	7
E	14	10	8	10	7	13

14	27	56	18	76	32		68	64	71	19	25	49
5	9	11	9	13	5		?	?	?	?	?	?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

02 Average; 03 Good; 04 Outstanding

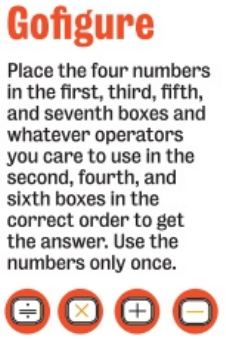
SudokuChallenge

3						7	4	5
		8	1		4		9	
								3
	9	7	8		2			
	5			9			2	
			4		3	9	1	
8								
	1		2		5	8		
2	4	6						1

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

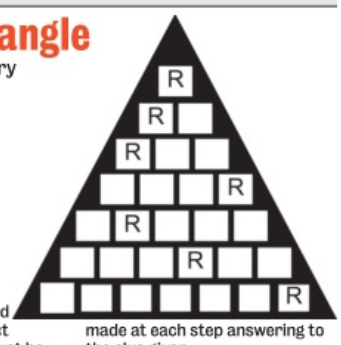
Differences: 1. Number 2 is smaller. 2. Vest is different. 3. Sleeve is shorter. 4. Golf bag strap is added. 5. Top of cap is different. 6. Back of chair is shorter.

Riddler

What is the next number in the series: 8; 86; 866; 8,666?

Alpha triangle

1 Radius in geometry
2 Again, abbr.
3 Female ruff
4 Horned animal
5 Made a mistake
6 More expensive
7 Idealist



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

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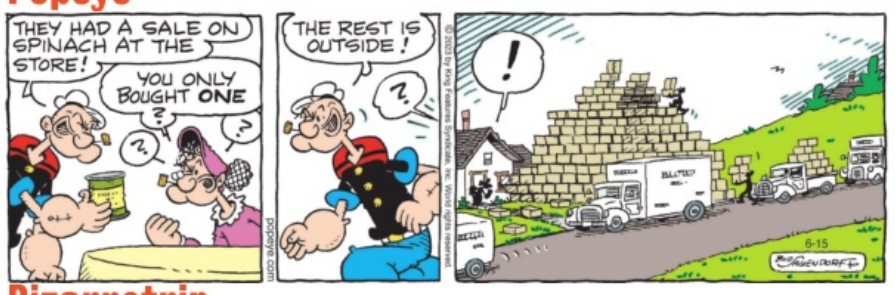
COMICS

Popeye



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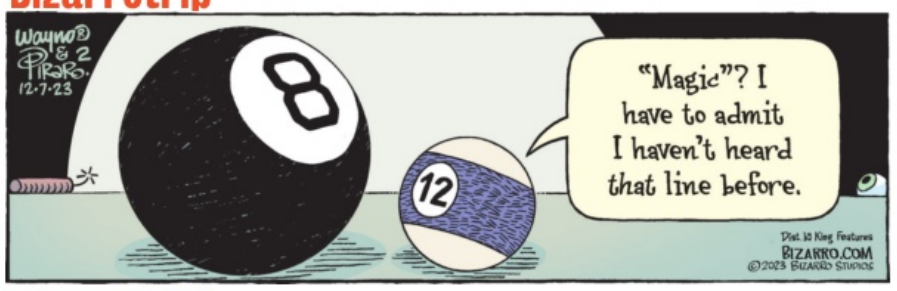

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

Crankshaft

I'M SURE THAT YOU TWO WILL DO WELL RUNNING MONTONI'S.
JUST MAKE A GOOD PIZZA...
AND THE WORLD WILL EAT A PATH TO YOUR DOOR!
BATLIK & DAVIS tombatiuk.com/books

Mutts

MOM...THEY KEPT HIM ON A CHAIN AND THEN THEY LEFT HIM ALONE To SUFFER...I HATE PEOPLE...
BUT WHAT ABOUT THOSE WHO DEVOTE THEIR LIVES HELPING ANIMALS LIKE GUARD DOG?
I LOVE PEOPLE.
mutts.com/guardDog

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may feel nervous and lack patience. Seeking peace, you may be attracted to the occult; it's advised to follow your intuition. You may gain in-depth knowledge on a subject or have a good focus on research.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, with the moon in a favourable position, expect positive momentum in professional and domestic life. Gains in investments are likely, along with reciprocation of help from friends and relatives. Hard work may lead to success.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may fare better, with improved health for children. Planning investments for their future is advisable. Loyalty to your job increases and job seekers may find opportunities through references. Identifying hidden enemies, you can counter them with blessings.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, your mother's health may improve. Enjoying work, you may be rewarded for your efforts, increasing social respect. Overworking may tire you, causing you to miss family events due to workload.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Satisfaction at work is likely today. A short work-related trip or visit to a religious place for inner peace is possible. Guidance from mentors may clarify your goals.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
If feeling dull, keeping a cool mind is advised. Think twice before acting to avoid financial losses. Travelling for money recovery is suggested. Avoid adventurous tours and focus on in-depth study for success.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Feeling good with domestic harmony, you may meet influential people for work benefits. Job performance may lead to promotions, and disputes over inherited property may be settled.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Busy with children, you may plan investments for their future and innovate in partnerships. Business investments will increase future prospects. Higher studies for career advancement may be considered.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Self-analysis brings confidence, with a clear focus towards goals. Creativity improves, and interest in arts, movies, and glamour grows. Satisfaction with life and control over opponents are likely.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Helping needy people enhances your reputation. New ideas implemented in work may boost business. Lovebirds may plan outings or adventure tours.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Busy with domestic matters, spending on household items is likely. Control unnecessary expenses to avoid negativity. Watch your harsh words and maintain positivity.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Spiritual power brings happiness, with positive thinking and an inclination towards spiritualism. Visiting religious places and interest in occult science is likely. Maintain flawlessness in nature and share views with understanding individuals.

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SOLUTIONS

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[9]⁻¹/2 =
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3⁻¹ =
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RIDDLER
86,666 (x10, +6)

BULL'S EYE
KEYNOTE, teeny, tyke, yoke

FAST FIVE

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STRIKE OUT

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MENSA PUZZLE
E: each number on the bottom line is the sum of the digits of the number directly above it.

QUOTE UNCODE
It is not easy to do something good, but it is extremely difficult to do something bad.

SUDOKU

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ALPHA TRIANGLE
R, Ra, Ree, Deer, Erred, Dearer, Dreamer.

GO FIGURE
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Medium
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Hard
2 x 8 + 9 + 5 = 30

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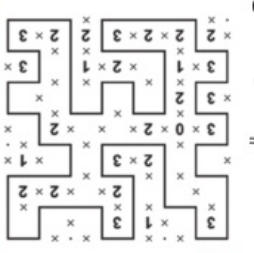

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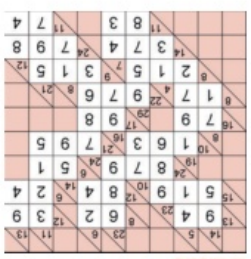

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 # Reunion of stars
Emily Blunt reportedly reuniting with Dwayne Johnson for 'The Smashing Machine'

Go green

That's how you do it in style

Bollywood actress Sara Ali Khan has gone green in a floor-sweeping ensemble in a new photoshoot.

Sara took to Instagram, where she shared a gamut of photographs along with a few clips from the shoot. In the pictures, the 28-year-old actress is seen sporting a lime green hued gown with a long trail. The puffy off shoulder neckline with a thigh-high slit makes the ensemble unique.

The actress completed her look with minimum make-up, flower shaped drop earrings and a neatly tied bun. Instead of a caption, Sara chose to drop a flower bouquet, leaf and a cabbage emoji.

Sara will next be seen in 'Murder Mubarak', a mystery thriller film directed by Homi Adajania.

It also stars Pankaj Tripathi, Vijay Varma, Dimple Kapadia, Karisma Kapoor and Tisca Chopra.

The actress also has 'Ae Watan Mere Watan' and 'Metro... In Dino' queued up for release. —IANS

SANDALWOOD
SHOTS
Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Say no to drugs

There is no dearth of techies, who have come to Sandalwood to become directors, actors, producers, and technicians. Now, Nag Venkat, a software engineer from Ballari, debuts as a director with the film Kailasa Kasidre. Venkat doubles up as the story and screenplay writer for this movie that is scheduled for release next week.

"A drug bust that took place in Hyderabad seven years ago inspired me to write the script. My intention is not to convey a message to the society but to show how youngsters are vulnerable to drug addiction which is injurious to health," said Venkat.

Venkat expressed disappointment with the Central Board of Film Certification that recommended many cuts and issued an A certificate to the film. The songs and trailer of the movie have received good response. Vybhav aka Ravi who debuted as a hero with Tarakasura, plays the lead in this movie. It is said that Vybhav plays the character that believes in taking the shortest route to earn money. Sukanya is paired opposite Vybhav.

Almost ready

Director Rudra Shiva, who debuts as an independent director, is excited about the successful completion of the second schedule of shooting of the film Shabash. The first schedule was completed at Channagiri in Davangere a few months ago. The second schedule was shot at Gonikoppal, Tata Tea Estate and other beautiful locations near Madikeri for six days.

"I am planning to wrap the shooting of the movie by next month. I want to convey a message to society through this movie. The lead character will be appreciated by other characters. I am sure of getting appreciation from the audiences as the story is very good," said Rudra Shiva. Appreciating the hard work of the cast and crew, the director said two songs of the movie were picturised at tribal hamlets in forest. "We have music for one of the songs by Kadu Kurubas, which is a highlight of the movie. I thank the cast and crew for participating in shooting from 6 pm to 6 am," the director said.

Paveendra Muthappa is bankrolling the movie under the ACE 22 banner. Sharathis playing the lead while Nisarga is the female lead.

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